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**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 7:43 AM  
**To:** Overbay, Michael;McDonald, Scott;Lister, Chris;Durant, Jennah  
**Cc:** Honker, William;Blevins, John;Coleman, Sam  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry, Marketplace public radio

Please advise Mr. Tong that we appreciate his contacting us regarding chemical testing of resident's water samples. The State of Texas has the primary responsibility for responding to complaints regarding drinking water wells and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is the lead regulatory agency for oil and gas related activities in Texas. As such, we recommend he provide the information directly to the RRC or we can forward the information to them for evaluation. EPA is continuing to provide assistance to the TRRC as new scientific information becomes available and as the state investigates complaints in the area. Mr. Milton Rister is the Executive Director at RRC and we are certain that he would be interested in any information that you have to share. He can be reached at (512) 463-7068 or email [Milton.Rister@rrc.state.tx.us](mailto:Milton.Rister@rrc.state.tx.us).

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**From:** Tong, Scott [<mailto:Stong@marketplace.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** McDonald, Scott  
**Subject:** media inquiry, Marketplace public radio

Mr. McDonald,

I'm contact you in regards to a gas drilling area: Parker County, Texas. I wonder if you might be willing to be in touch on a development I'm pursuing. As you no doubt know, residents there have supplied water samples to a UT-Arlington study team led by Zac Hildenbrand. In the next week or two, they expect to receive results of chemical testing. Dr. Hildenbrand et al are looking for evidence of frac fluid chemicals in the water, and are expected to contact some residents soon due to alarming results.

Realizing the sensitivity of this issue, I'm reaching out to ask if you might be willing to look at any resident well water data I receive and share your thoughts. I do not have to name or your employer, I'm just looking for the appropriate context for this coming development. I will likely travel to Parker County. Thanks for your consideration.

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